

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TEHRAN 00885 290927Z

11

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-07 COME-00 OIC-02 CIAE-00 INR-07

NSAE-00 OES-05 CU-04 AGR-10 TRSE-00 FRB-01 PA-02

PRS-01 USIA-15 INT-05 SS-15 NSC-05 HEW-06 /096 W

----- 082383

R 290715Z JAN 76

FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5344

UNCLAS TEHRAN 0885

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: BGEN, ECON, IR

SUBJ: PROPOSED CONFERENCE ON IRANIAN DEVELOPMENTS AND
THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

REF: STATE 014936

1. DIRECTOR OF IRANIAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STUDIES(IIPES), DR. ABBAS AMIRIE, INFORMED EMBOFF THAT PROPOSED CONFERENCE MAY BE POSTPONED, TO AVOID BURDENING PERSONS WHO WOULD WISH TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE AND OTHERS SCHEDULED FOR PERIOD BEGINNING MARCH 1976, AND WHICH WILL ALSO BEAR ON US-IRANIAN RELATIONS. AMIRIE SAID THIS DECISION CAME FROM PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

2. IIPES WAS FOUNDED IN 1973 "TO SERVE AS A FORUM FOR A NON-OFFICIAL APPRAISAL OF ISSUES THAT AFFECT IRAN'S NATIONAL INTERESTS., BROCHURE STATES. COPY BEING AIRSHIPPED). FUNDS COME FROM CONSORTIUM OF IRANIAN UNIVERSITIES, VIZ. TEHRAN, NATIONAL, PAHLAVI, MASHAD(NOW FERDOWSI), AND JONDI SHAPUR. CHANCELLORS OF THESE UNIVERSITIES COMPRISE BOARD OF FOUNDERS. GOVERNING BODY IS HIGH COUNCIL: FIVE PROMINENT SPECIALISTS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,APPOINTED BY SHAH. MEHDI SAMII(REFTEL) IS VICE-CHAIRMAN. COUNCIL APPOINTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CONSIDERS RESEARCH PROJECTS PROPOSED

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TEHRAN 00885 290927Z

BY HIM. SMALL STAFF OFSCHOLARS CONDUCTS RESEARCH, PREPARES

REPORTS IN FIELD OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHICH GO TO UNIVERSITIES AND TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. INSTITUTE ALSO SPONSORS LECTURES, SEMINARS, AND SOMETIMES ORGANIZES MAJOR CONFERENCES. IN MARCH 1975 INSTITUTE SPONSORED MAJOR CONFERENCE ON IRAN AND THE PERSIAN GULF, WHICH BROUGHT SEVERAL AMERICAN AND A NUMBER OF THIRD COUNTRY IRANOLOGISTS TO IRAN. ADMINISTRATION OF THIS CONFERENCE WAS GENERALLY COMPETENT.

3. DIRECTOR AMIRIE AND STAFF OF FIVE PROFESSIONAL RESEARCHERS ALL HAVE PH.DS FROM AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES. TWO, SHAHRAM CHUBIN OF COLUMBIA AND SPEHR ZABIH OF BERKELEY, HAVE FIRST CLASS PUBLICATION CREDITS.

4. ONLY APPARENT CONNECTION WITH BICENTENNIAL IS COINCIDENCE IN TIME WITH BICENTENNIAL YEAR. CONNECTION WITH GOI MORE EVIDENT. MANY, PERHAPS MOST IRANIAN PARTICIPANTS LIKELY TO BE GOI OFFICIALS, AS SRI INDICATES IN REFTEL. FURTHER INFORMATION PROBABLY AVAILABLE AFTER DATE FINALLY SET FOR PROPOSED CONFERENCE. AMIRIE EXPECTS HAVE THIS IN ABOUT A WEEK. WILL ADVISE.

5. EMBASSY NOTES THAT THIS CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED HARD ON THE HEELS OF THE U.S.-IRAN JOINT BUSINESS CONFERENCE AND FINANCIAL CONFERENCE, MARCH 1-3 IN TEHRAN. TO JUDGE FROM SRI'S OUTLINE AND THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 1-3 MEETINGS CHASE VP ROWAN HAS GIVEN US, CONSIDERABLE DUPLICATION IN THE THEMES TO BE COVERED SEEMS EVIDENT. WE MERELY NOTE THIS DUPLICATION AND DO NOT SUGGEST THAT DEPT. SHOULD DISCOURAGE ESSENTIALLY PRIVATE PAHLAVI CONFERENCE OR BE LESS THAN FORTHCOMING IN CONSIDERING SRI REQUEST FOR EIGHTH FLOOR DINING AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES.

6. WE NOTE ALSO THAT SRI STATES CONFERENCE "IS COORDINATED WITH... U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION AND U.S.-IRAN JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL." WE ASSUME THAT SRI WILL SOON BE IN TOUCH WITH CHASE-MANHATTAN AND U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THIS REGARD.

7. FINALLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE ON RELATION OF PAHLAVI CONFERENCE TO ON-GOING WORK OF JOINT COMMISSION. SPECIFICALLY, DOES DEPARTMENT FORESEE PAHLAVI CONFERENCE GENERATING INITIATIVES IN CONTEXT OF USIRJC THAT WILL

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 TEHRAN 00885 290927Z

REQUIRE FOLLOW-UP ACTION BY USG EITHER HERE OR IN WASHINGTON?
MIKLOS

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 29 JAN 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976TEHRAN00885
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760034-0016
From: TEHRAN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t1976017/aaaaagde.tel
Line Count: 109
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 14936
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: hackerp0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <17 JUN 2004 by barnescd>; APPROVED <22 DEC 2004 by hackerp0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PROPOSED CONFERENCE ON IRANIAN DEVELOPMENTS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
TAGS: BGEN, ECON, IR
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006